

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-5 are pending and are rejected.

Claims 1-5 are amended to correct informalities.

Responding to the rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), applicant respectfully submits that Kunimoto (US 6,335,974) does not anticipate claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-5, because Kunimoto does not disclose a cabinet having a main cabinet and a loudspeaker cabinet, and "said loudspeaker cabinet being separate from said main cabinet and connected to the outside of the main cabinet in a non-detachable manner," as recited in claim 1.

The Office Action states that Kunimoto discloses a cabinet for an electronic device and the cabinet, equipped with a loudspeaker, includes a casing 2 (relied upon as the main cabinet) and a loudspeaker cabinet (elements 3 and 4) separate from the casing 2 and connected to the outside of the casing 2.

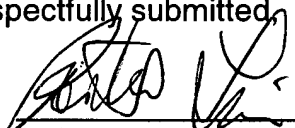
However, elements 3 and 4 are not elements of a cabinet as alleged. Element 4 is actually a woofer. See col. 3, lines 38-40. Element 3 actually is a pair of panel portions for decreasing the directivity by diffusing the sounds output from element 4 (a woofer) and a tweeter 5 and for reducing sound pressure difference due to positional difference among the audience. See col. 3, lines 24-27 and 53-56. In fact, element 3 is part of the casing 2, and both the woofer 4 and the tweeter 5 are disposed inside the casing 2 (relied upon as the main cabinet). See col. 3, lines 24-27 and 37-38, and FIGs. 5 and 6. Thus, Kunimoto does not disclose the feature of a loudspeaker cabinet "being separate from said main cabinet and connected to the outside of the main cabinet in a non-detachable manner," as recited in claim 1.

As such, Kunimoto does not anticipate claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-5.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's objections and rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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